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USMA cadets design technologies to meet challenges of today's Army **Gen. Griffin presents awards at Soldier Design Competition**

Power, cooling, and casualty evaluation were recurrent themes at final judging of the second annual Massachusetts Institute of Technology Soldier Design Competition.

Five cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point won the first place award of \$5,000 for their battery scavenger system for recovering the power remaining in depleted batteries. Pocket-sized, rugged, and inexpensive, the device could reduce Soldiers' battery needs by 15 to 20 percent, providing significant savings in weight carried in the field, environmental impact, and cost.

The second place award of \$3,000 went to another USMA team for their computerized tracking system that provides Soldiers with advance warning of incoming strikes through small radio pagers. A team from MIT took third place for their powered rope ascender, a tool capable of lifting and lowering a 250-pound person along a rope in less than five seconds.

Gen. Benjamin Griffin, Army Materiel Command commanding general and senior Army guest at the event, noted that fresh ideas can bring solutions to old problems. "These ideas have direct application to the challenges of today's Army," he said. "From where I sit, there is nothing more important than what they're doing."

The goal of the MIT Soldier Design Competition is to generate new products and systems that will help the modern Soldier on and off the battlefield.

Anniston Depot recruiting for 385 jobs

For former Soldiers or those getting ready to leave service from certain military occupational specialties— Anniston Army Depot wants you.

The Alabama depot is currently recruiting workers for several skilled positions including: heavy mobile equipment mechanic/repairer, artillery repairer, pneumatic systems repairer, and small arms repairer.

The depot has experienced a significant workload increase as it resets and recapitalizes equipment and aids in uparmoring HMMWVs in addition to its everyday missions. Over the past year, the depot has hired more than 800 people due to the increased workload, and recruitment for even more positions could materialize based on future assigned workload, Anniston officials said.

These jobs are being offered as "term positions" not to exceed four years and will provide employees with all benefits and have the potential to be converted to permanent positions as vacancies become available.

"Our basic intent in this recruitment process is to identify individuals who have the required skills and experience relating to the many systems that we upgrade and repair. There may be recently retired service members or some who are considering retirement who are looking for employment where they can further use their military-learned skills," said Jack Cline, Anniston's deputy to the commander.

Anniston Chemical Activity employees recognized

Westinghouse Anniston employees were recently awarded the Award of Superior Achievement for 24 months of safe, continuous operations at Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. The award was presented by Alabama Gov. Bob Riley and the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

WA and subcontractor employees have worked more than 6.5 million hours without a lost time injury which dates back as far as facility construction. WA also maintains a recordable injury rate of .80 for 200,000 hours worked. The RIR, which is among the lowest in the nation, is equal to injury rates OSHA sees for libraries and schools.

The Award of Superior Achievement is presented to any state employer that experiences no lost-time injuries for a period of 24 or more consecutive months.